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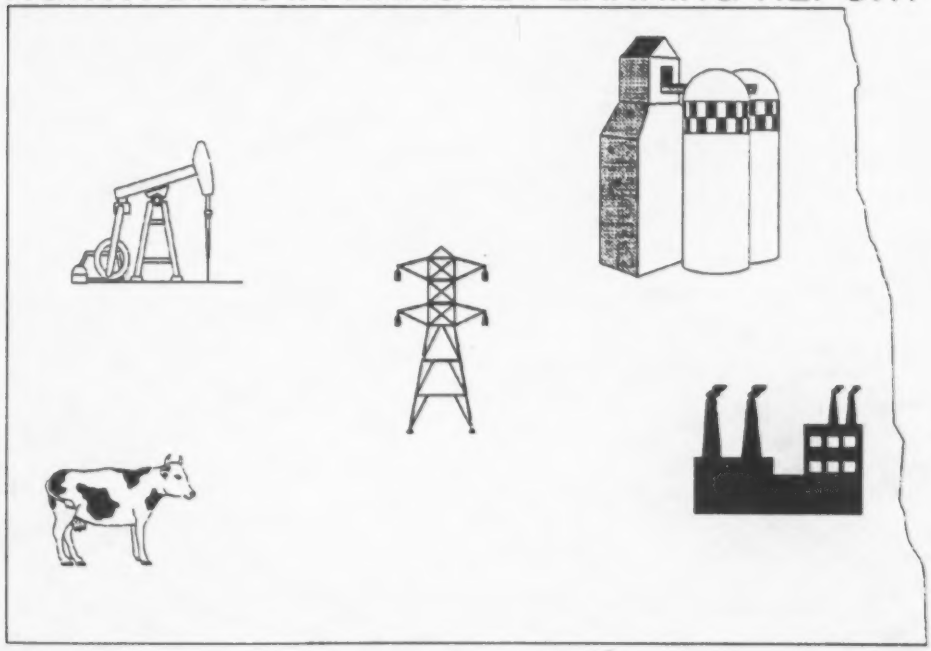

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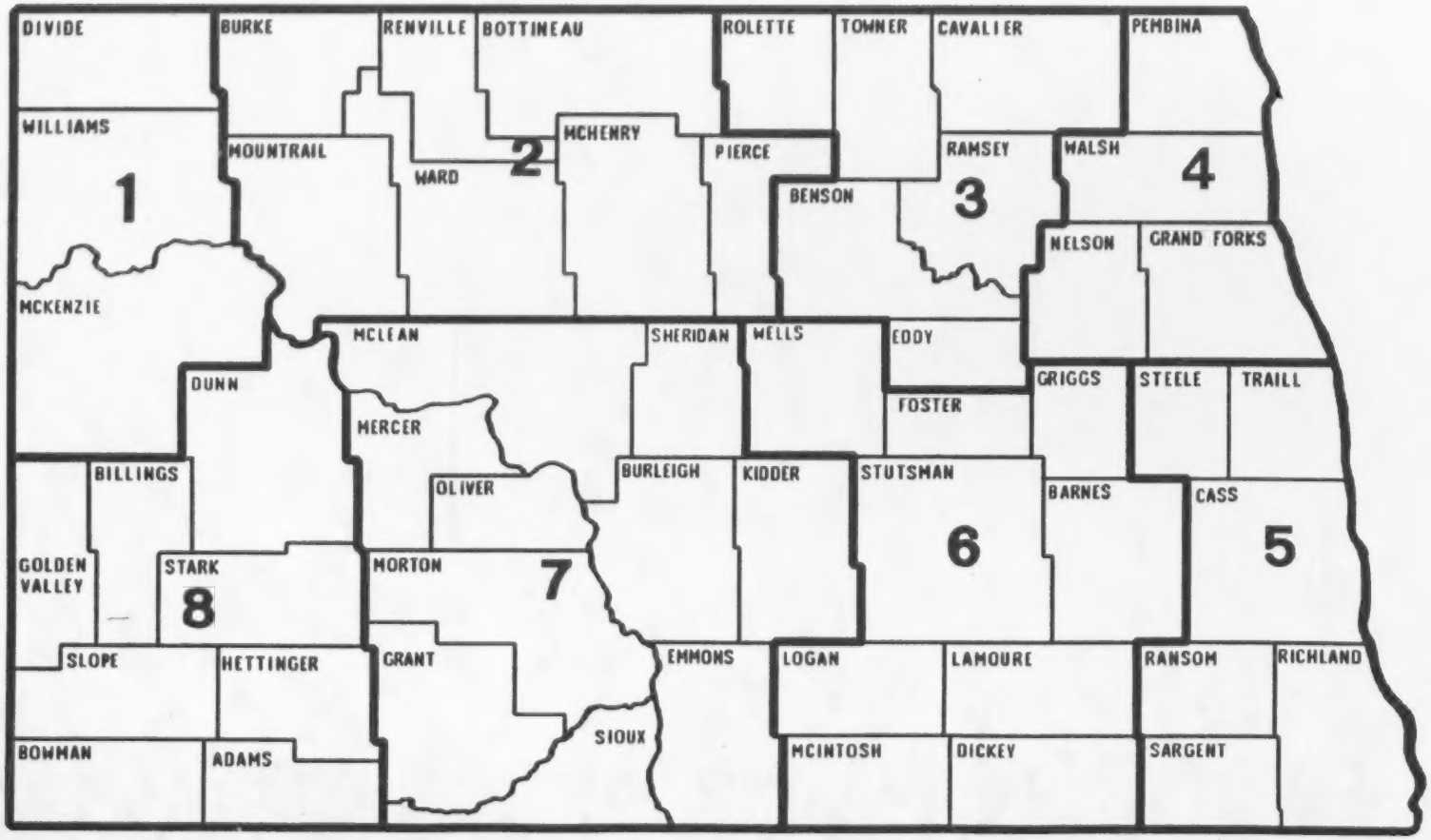

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1991 Annual Planning Report: Tradition and Change

The mission of Job Service North Dakota is to deliver quality services to meet the employment needs of a changing economy. To accomplish this mission, Job Service provides several services including: assistance to those who are seeking employment; assisting employers to find qualified individuals; and providing reports on North Dakota's labor market conditions. One report, the Annual Planning Report, is designed to provide a short-term review and outlook.

This report is a document that has been prepared by Job Service North Dakota for some time. As with anything that has a history, the Annual Planning Report has evolved and changed over time. The present form of the report attempts to explain recent changes in North Dakota's economy within a larger context.

Topics considered in the 1991 Annual Planning Report include comparisons between North Dakota and the surrounding states, possible impacts of the Fair Trade Law, as well as changing employment patterns. In addition, outmigration of North Dakotans, impact of federal dollars, economic development and quality of life are addressed in this report. It also compiles historical data on inflation, employment trends, wages and other information that has been found to be helpful.

National and global events have a direct impact on North Dakota's economy. Although unresolved, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks, national policy on clean air, and the changing federal priorities can influence North Dakota's economy. While these policies are as yet undecided, they will change the national and international markets important to North Dakota. The development of free trade zones and the opening of foreign markets can dramatically affect North Dakota's economy.

The Annual Planning Report has a history of providing detailed analysis of county-level economic activity. The 1991 Annual Planning Report continues to provide this information. Included in the report are the preliminary counts of the 1990 census. The preliminary census figures show a shifting population in North Dakota. North Dakotans are moving into urban areas. Shopping, manufacturing, services and employment opportunities are becoming concentrated in urban counties. This movement of the population has broad implications and represent a change of lifestyles for North Dakotans.

Although the state's economy is growing in terms of number of employees and employers, wages have not kept pace with inflation. This means that the buying power of the average person is declining. Should this pattern continue, further changes in lifestyles are likely.

With the development of urban areas, nonagricultural industries have the potential to grow. Recent patterns of employment show that services, manufacturing and retail trade have been growing steadily. Agriculture is still very important to the state's economy, but comparisons between agriculture and other sectors of the economy are difficult because agricultural data is based on production, whereas nonagricultural data is based on employment and wages. With people moving into urban areas and taking non-agricultural jobs, the need for comparable data increases. This is especially true when farmers are involved in set-aside programs. Set-aside programs are programs administered by the United States Department of Agriculture and are designed to increase the market value of crops by decreasing the amount of goods going to market. With set-aside programs, the farmer and those employees who work on the farm increasingly become wage earners. Because most farmers do not pay unemployment insurance payments, employees who work for them are not included in data sources used by Job Service North Dakota. As a result, wages and earnings of agricultural employees are under-represented in comparison to other industries.

Because this report is designed to predict future events, the report is a catalyst for discussion. Reports that prompt discussion need to be clearly written and need to address current issues. With concern over the economic situation in the United States and a push for economic development in North Dakota, the state is at a crossroads. The 1991 Annual Planning Report attempts to focus discussion on lifestyles, the economic future and related topics.

If you would like to receive a copy of this report, write Job Service North Dakota, Research and Statistics Section, P.O. Box 1537, Bismarck, ND 58502, or call (701) 224-2868.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	September 1990	August 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1989
TOTAL	269,050	264,800	1.6%	264,250	1.8%
GOODS PRODUCING	34,200	33,750	1.3%	33,000	3.6%
MINING	4,550	4,500	1.1%	4,300	5.8%
Coal	1,100	1,050	4.8%	1,100	0.0%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,700	11.1%
Other Mining	450	450	0.0%	500	-10.0%
CONSTRUCTION	11,900	12,200	-2.5%	12,000	-0.8%
Building Construction	2,900	3,000	-3.3%	3,100	-6.5%
Street, Highway & Heavy	3,300	3,300	0.0%	3,300	0.0%
Special Trade Construction	5,700	5,900	-3.4%	5,600	1.8%
MANUFACTURING	17,750	17,050	4.1%	16,700	6.3%
Durable Goods	9,000	9,050	-0.6%	8,200	9.8%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,150	1,200	-4.2%	1,100	4.5%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,400	5,350	0.9%	4,900	10.2%
Machinery & Electric	3,900	3,800	2.6%	3,600	8.3%
Transportation Equipment	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,300	15.4%
Other Durables	2,450	2,500	-2.0%	2,200	11.4%
Lumber & Wood	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,000	20.0%
Misc Durable	1,250	1,300	-3.8%	1,200	4.2%
Nondurable Goods	8,750	8,000	9.4%	8,500	2.9%
Food & Kindred Products	4,800	3,950	21.5%	4,400	9.1%
Dairy Products	650	700	-7.1%	700	-7.1%
Bakery Products	1,150	1,000	15.0%	850	35.3%
Sugar & Confectionary	1,200	600	100.0%	1,050	14.3%
Other Foods	1,800	1,650	9.1%	1,800	0.0%
Printing & Publishing	2,500	2,600	-3.8%	2,500	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,600	-9.4%
SERVICES PRODUCING	234,850	231,050	1.6%	231,250	1.6%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,450	17,300	0.9%	17,100	2.0%
Transportation	9,050	8,900	1.7%	8,800	2.8%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,100	5,100	0.0%	5,000	2.0%
Other Transportation	3,950	3,800	3.9%	3,800	3.9%
Railroads	1,950	1,950	0.0%	1,900	2.6%
Local & Suburban Transport	850	650	30.8%	850	0.0%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,150	1,200	-4.2%	1,050	9.5%
Communications	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,500	0.0%
Utilities	4,900	4,900	0.0%	4,800	2.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,500	19,600	-0.5%	19,700	-1.0%
Durable Goods	9,000	9,100	-1.1%	9,100	-1.1%
Nondurable Goods	10,500	10,500	0.0%	10,600	-0.9%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	September 1990	August 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1989
RETAIL TRADE	51,050	50,950	0.2%	50,650	0.8%
Hardware & Garden	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,600	-3.8%
General Merchandise	6,400	6,300	1.6%	6,500	-1.5%
Food Stores	7,100	7,200	-1.4%	7,200	-1.4%
Auto & Service Stations	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,600	4.5%
Apparel & Accessory	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,600	0.0%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,650	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	18,400	18,400	0.0%	18,400	0.0%
Misc Retail	5,500	5,400	1.9%	5,100	7.8%
FINANCE,INS & REAL ESTATE	12,500	12,500	0.0%	12,350	1.2%
Finance	6,600	6,600	0.0%	6,650	-0.8%
Banking	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,700	0.0%
Other Finance	900	900	0.0%	950	-5.3%
Insurance	3,950	3,950	0.0%	3,850	2.6%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,350	7.4%
Real Estate	1,950	1,950	0.0%	1,850	5.4%
SERVICES	69,950	69,600	0.5%	67,050	4.3%
Lodging	4,600	4,600	0.0%	4,500	2.2%
Personal & Business	8,200	8,200	0.0%	8,000	2.5%
Personal Services	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3,100	0.0%
Business Services	5,100	5,100	0.0%	4,900	4.1%
Recreational Services	2,700	2,800	-3.6%	2,600	3.8%
Health Services	28,900	29,000	-0.3%	27,800	4.0%
Nursing & Hospital	21,100	21,200	-0.5%	20,200	4.5%
Other Health	7,800	7,800	0.0%	7,600	2.6%
Membership Organizations	8,100	8,100	0.0%	8,100	0.0%
Educational Services	3,100	2,500	24.0%	3,000	3.3%
Social Services	6,700	6,600	1.5%	5,700	17.5%
Other Services	7,650	7,800	-1.9%	7,350	4.1%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,300	2,400	-4.2%	2,200	4.5%
Legal Services	1,450	1,500	-3.3%	1,450	0.0%
Misc Services	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,700	5.4%
GOVERNMENT	64,400	61,100	5.4%	64,400	0.0%
Federal	10,700	10,600	0.9%	10,400	2.9%
State & Local	53,700	50,500	6.3%	54,000	-0.6%
State Government	18,600	17,300	7.5%	18,800	-1.1%
Educational Services	11,500	10,000	15.0%	11,400	0.9%
Other State Government	7,100	7,300	-2.7%	7,400	-4.1%
Local Government	35,100	33,200	5.7%	35,200	-0.3%
Educational Services	17,000	13,600	25.0%	17,000	0.0%
Other Local Government	18,100	19,600	-7.7%	18,200	-0.5%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	September 1990	August 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1989
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	77,850	75,700	2.8%	75,450	3.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	10,700	10,750	-0.5%	10,000	7.0%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	4,700	4,900	-4.1%	4,500	4.4%
Special Trades	2,400	2,500	-4.0%	2,300	4.3%
Other Construction & Mining	2,300	2,400	-4.2%	2,200	4.5%
MANUFACTURING	6,000	5,850	2.6%	5,500	9.1%
Durable Goods	2,800	2,900	-3.4%	2,650	5.7%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,450	3.4%
Other Durable Goods	1,300	1,350	-3.7%	1,200	8.3%
Nondurable Goods	3,200	2,950	8.5%	2,850	12.3%
Food & Kindred	2,100	1,900	10.5%	1,800	16.7%
Other Nondurables	1,100	1,050	4.8%	1,050	4.8%
SERVICES PRODUCING	67,150	64,950	3.4%	65,450	2.6%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,800	4,700	2.1%	4,700	2.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	1,050	950	10.5%	1,000	5.0%
Other Transportation	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,000	5.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,700	-2.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,700	6,700	0.0%	6,800	-1.5%
Durable	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,800	2.6%
Nondurable	2,800	2,800	0.0%	3,000	-6.7%
RETAIL TRADE	15,150	15,000	1.0%	15,000	1.0%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,900	3.4%
Food Stores	1,800	1,750	2.9%	2,000	-10.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,950	1,950	0.0%	1,700	14.7%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,700	5,600	1.8%	5,700	0.0%
Other Retail	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,700	0.0%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,600	4,600	0.0%	4,500	2.2%
Finance	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,000	5.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
SERVICES	21,300	21,350	-0.2%	20,400	4.4%
Lodging	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,350	3.7%
Personal & Business	3,600	3,500	2.9%	3,600	0.0%
Recreation & Amusement	900	850	5.9%	900	0.0%
Health Services	8,200	8,200	0.0%	7,800	5.1%
Educational Services	1,200	1,450	-17.2%	1,150	4.3%
Social Services	1,800	1,750	2.9%	1,600	12.5%
Membership Services	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,400	0.0%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,600	7.7%
GOVERNMENT	14,600	12,600	15.9%	14,050	3.9%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
State	6,000	4,500	33.3%	5,650	6.2%
State School	5,400	3,900	38.5%	5,100	5.9%
Other State	600	600	0.0%	550	9.1%
Local	6,300	5,800	8.6%	6,100	3.3%
Local School	3,800	3,000	26.7%	3,500	8.6%
Other Local	2,500	2,800	-10.7%	2,600	-3.8%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	September 1990	August 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1989
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	31,700	30,950	2.4%	30,900	2.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,950	2,900	1.7%	3,200	-7.8%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,600	1,700	-5.9%	1,750	-8.6%
MANUFACTURING	1,350	1,200	12.5%	1,450	-6.9%
Durable Goods	450	450	0.0%	500	-10.0%
Nondurable Goods	900	750	20.0%	950	-5.3%
SERVICES PRODUCING	28,750	28,050	2.5%	27,700	3.8%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,650	3.0%
Transportation	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	650	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,600	6.3%
RETAIL TRADE	8,050	7,800	3.2%	7,600	5.9%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,950	1,900	2.6%	1,900	2.6%
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	2,900	3.4%	2,800	7.1%
Other Retail	3,100	3,000	3.3%	2,900	6.9%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%
SERVICES	7,250	7,150	1.4%	7,000	3.6%
Personal & Business	950	950	0.0%	900	5.6%
Health	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,800	0.0%
Other Services	3,500	3,400	2.9%	3,300	6.1%
GOVERNMENT	8,850	8,500	4.1%	8,700	1.7%
Federal	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,450	3.4%
State	4,800	4,600	4.3%	4,850	-1.0%
State School	4,300	4,100	4.9%	4,300	0.0%
Other State	500	500	0.0%	550	-9.1%
Local	2,550	2,400	6.3%	2,400	6.3%
Local School	1,250	1,050	19.0%	1,250	0.0%
Other Local	1,300	1,350	-3.7%	1,150	13.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	September 1990	August 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1989
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	40,950	40,600	0.9%	39,700	3.1%
GOODS PRODUCING	4,550	4,600	-1.1%	4,100	11.0%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,300	2,300	0.0%	1,850	24.3%
MANUFACTURING	2,250	2,300	-2.2%	2,250	0.0%
Durable Goods	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,300	1,350	-3.7%	1,300	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	36,400	36,000	1.1%	35,600	2.2%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	3,100	3,100	0.0%	2,850	8.8%
Transportation	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,150	8.7%
Communications & Utilities	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,700	8.8%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	8,050	8,300	-3.0%	8,050	0.0%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,650	1,700	-2.9%	1,700	-2.9%
Food Stores	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,050	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,150	-8.7%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,800	-3.6%	2,600	3.8%
Other Retail	1,600	1,650	-3.0%	1,550	3.2%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,550	-3.2%
SERVICES	12,400	12,100	2.5%	12,050	2.9%
Lodging	900	900	0.0%	900	0.0%
Personal & Business	1,500	1,450	3.4%	1,400	7.1%
Health Services	5,100	5,100	0.0%	4,800	6.3%
Educational Services	750	450	66.7%	850	-11.8%
Social Services	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,100	9.1%
Membership Services	1,150	1,200	-4.2%	1,250	-8.0%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,750	2.9%
GOVERNMENT	9,050	8,700	4.0%	8,800	2.8%
Federal	1,200	1,250	-4.0%	1,200	0.0%
State	4,100	4,050	1.2%	4,100	0.0%
State Schools	300	250	20.0%	300	0.0%
Other State	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,800	0.0%
Local	3,750	3,400	10.3%	3,500	7.1%
Local Schools	2,100	1,650	27.3%	1,850	13.5%
Other Local	1,650	1,750	-5.7%	1,650	0.0%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	AUG 1990	SEP 1989	SEP 1989
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,568	126,301	0.2%	125,725	0.7%
Employment	119,499	119,298	0.2%	119,121	0.3%
Unemployment	7,069	7,003	0.9%	6,604	7.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.5%	xxx	5.3%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	325,940	337,930	-3.5%	331,710	-1.7%
Employment	314,980	326,930	-3.7%	318,370	-1.1%
Unemployment	10,960	11,000	-0.4%	13,340	-17.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	xxx	4.0%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	87,900	88,820	-1.0%	86,850	1.2%
Employment	85,850	86,890	-1.2%	84,730	1.3%
Unemployment	2,050	1,930	6.2%	2,120	-3.3%
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.2%	xxx	2.4%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,540	36,570	-2.8%	35,950	-1.1%
Employment	34,280	35,340	-3.0%	34,590	-0.9%
Unemployment	1,260	1,230	2.4%	1,360	-7.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.4%	xxx	3.8%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	47,630	49,370	-3.5%	47,960	-0.7%
Employment	46,120	47,900	-3.7%	45,970	0.3%
Unemployment	1,510	1,470	2.7%	1,990	-24.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.0%	xxx	4.1%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
AUG 1990

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	337.9	2,430.9	368.3	405.7
Employment	326.9	2,325.4	354.3	388.0
Unemployment	11.0	105.5	14.0	17.7
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	4.3%	3.8%	4.4%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	SEP 1989	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	SEP 1989	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	SEP 1989
MANUFACTURING	450.73	441.46	434.66	41.2	40.8	41.2	10.94	10.82	10.55
Durable Goods	479.13	467.62	462.87	41.7	41.2	41.7	11.49	11.35	11.10
Nondurable Goods	412.70	407.84	396.90	40.5	40.3	40.5	10.19	10.12	9.80

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	September 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1990	August 1990	September 1989
MANUFACTURING	352.63	351.45	357.01	39.4	39.4	39.8	8.95	8.92	8.97
Durable Goods	380.69	375.65	397.20	41.2	41.1	43.6	9.24	9.14	9.11
Nondurable Goods	322.50	321.15	315.20	37.5	37.3	35.9	8.60	8.61	8.78
Food & Kindred	326.31	322.15	321.53	38.8	37.9	37.3	8.41	8.50	8.62

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	September 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1990	August 1990	September 1989	September 1990	August 1990	September 1989
MANUFACTURING	342.50	348.77	379.96	38.7	39.1	41.8	8.85	8.92	9.09
Durable Goods	349.92	360.96	394.37	39.9	41.3	43.1	8.77	8.74	9.13
Nondurable Goods	335.39	335.98	364.41	37.6	36.8	40.4	8.92	9.13	9.02

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	Percent Change From AUG 1990	SEP 1989	Percent Change From SEP 1989
All Items	124.0	132.7	131.6	0.8%	125.0	6.2%
Food & Beverage	124.9	133.0	132.7	0.2%	125.9	5.6%
Housing	123.0	130.5	130.2	0.2%	124.3	5.0%
Apparel & Upkeep	118.6	126.8	122.2	3.8%	120.0	5.7%
Transportation	114,1	123.0	120.6	2.0%	113.7	8.2%
Medical Care	149.3	165.8	165.0	0.5%	151.7	9.3%
Entertainment	126.5	134.1	133.0	0.8%	127.8	4.9%
All Other	147.7	162.6	160.4	1.4%	151.2	7.5%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	SEP 1990	AUG 1990	Percent Change From AUG 1990	SEP 1989	Percent Change From SEP 1989
All Commodities	112.2	118.3	116.5	1.5%	112.4	5.2%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	115.3	117.9	119.2	-1.1%	114.5	3.0%
Industrial Commodities	111.6	118.3	115.9	2.1%	111.9	5.7%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	SEP'90	AUG'90	SEP'89	SEP'90	AUG'90	SEP'89	SEP'90	AUG'90	SEP'89	SEP'90	AUG'90	SEP'89
Divide	1,345	1,439	1,397	1,317	1,414	1,361	28	25	36	2.1%	1.7%	4.5%
McKenzie	2,805	3,026	2,998	2,739	2,940	2,864	66	86	134	2.4%	2.8%	4.2%
Williams	10,851	11,657	11,176	10,450	11,310	10,703	401	347	473	3.7%	3.0%	4.4%
REGION 1	15,001	16,122	15,571	14,506	15,664	14,928	495	458	643	3.3%	2.8%	4.1%
Bottineau	3,333	3,427	3,451	3,230	3,307	3,306	103	120	145	3.1%	3.5%	4.2%
Burke	1,215	1,233	1,314	1,168	1,195	1,254	47	38	60	3.9%	3.1%	4.6%
McHenry	2,613	2,653	2,676	2,383	2,453	2,433	230	200	243	8.8%	7.5%	9.1%
Mountrail	3,390	3,479	3,409	3,213	3,290	3,177	177	189	232	5.2%	5.4%	6.8%
Pierce	2,469	2,641	2,505	2,410	2,597	2,445	59	44	60	2.4%	1.7%	2.4%
Renville	1,223	1,216	1,272	1,196	1,191	1,214	27	25	58	2.2%	2.1%	4.6%
Ward	24,756	26,134	25,487	23,806	25,260	24,276	950	874	1,211	3.8%	3.3%	4.8%
REGION 2	38,999	40,783	40,114	37,406	39,293	38,105	1,593	1,490	2,009	4.1%	3.7%	5.0%
Benson	2,545	2,742	3,152	2,289	2,485	2,751	256	257	401	10.1%	9.4%	12.7%
Cavalier	2,572	2,689	2,674	2,483	2,597	2,544	89	92	130	3.5%	3.4%	4.9%
Eddy	1,412	1,499	1,442	1,338	1,435	1,361	74	64	81	5.2%	4.3%	5.6%
Ramsey	6,686	7,115	6,568	6,496	6,954	6,355	190	161	213	2.8%	2.3%	3.2%
Rolette	4,681	4,821	4,830	4,115	4,023	4,180	566	798	650	12.1%	16.6%	13.5%
Towner	1,604	1,796	1,703	1,570	1,761	1,669	34	35	34	2.1%	1.9%	2.0%
REGION 3	19,500	20,662	20,369	18,291	19,255	18,860	1,209	1,407	1,509	6.2%	6.8%	7.4%
Grand Forks	35,538	36,571	35,955	34,275	35,338	34,594	1,263	1,233	1,361	3.6%	3.4%	3.8%
Nelson	1,861	1,954	1,921	1,814	1,898	1,857	47	56	64	2.5%	2.9%	3.3%
Pembina	5,571	5,758	5,605	5,218	5,230	5,195	353	528	410	6.3%	9.2%	7.3%
Walsh	7,887	7,830	8,202	7,579	7,469	7,846	308	361	356	3.9%	4.6%	4.3%
REGION 4	50,857	52,113	51,683	48,886	49,935	49,492	1,971	2,178	2,191	3.9%	4.2%	4.2%
Cass	61,839	62,891	61,787	60,585	61,847	60,477	1,254	1,044	1,310	2.0%	1.7%	2.1%
Ransom	2,625	2,820	2,727	2,566	2,777	2,657	59	43	70	2.2%	1.5%	2.6%
Richland	8,586	8,762	8,713	8,343	8,438	8,414	243	324	299	2.8%	3.7%	3.4%
Sargent	2,725	2,893	2,728	2,687	2,858	2,673	38	35	55	1.4%	1.2%	2.0%
Steele	1,088	1,182	1,141	1,060	1,155	1,094	28	27	47	2.6%	2.3%	4.1%
Traill	4,558	4,419	4,570	4,379	4,256	4,385	179	163	185	3.9%	3.7%	4.0%
REGION 5	81,421	82,967	81,666	79,620	81,331	79,700	1,801	1,636	1,966	2.2%	2.0%	2.4%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	SEP'90	AUG'90	SEP'89	SEP'90	AUG'90	SEP'89	SEP'90	AUG'90	SEP'89	SEP'90	AUG'90	SEP'89
Barnes	5,839	5,944	5,837	5,702	5,802	5,703	137	142	134	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%
Dickey	3,194	3,285	3,182	3,129	3,205	3,110	65	80	72	2.0%	2.4%	2.3%
Foster	2,266	2,327	2,241	2,207	2,268	2,160	59	59	81	2.6%	2.5%	3.6%
Griggs	1,527	1,614	1,592	1,491	1,589	1,543	36	25	49	2.4%	1.5%	3.1%
La Moure	2,319	2,346	2,384	2,270	2,308	2,320	49	38	64	2.1%	1.6%	2.7%
Logan	1,459	1,509	1,488	1,427	1,478	1,456	32	31	32	2.2%	2.1%	2.2%
McIntosh	2,177	2,336	2,243	2,160	2,308	2,192	17	28	51	0.8%	1.2%	2.3%
Stutsman	11,665	12,278	11,908	11,393	12,004	11,586	272	274	322	2.3%	2.2%	2.7%
Wells	2,708	2,794	2,829	2,575	2,674	2,682	133	120	147	4.9%	4.3%	5.2%
REGION 6	33,154	34,433	33,704	32,354	33,636	32,752	800	797	952	2.4%	2.3%	2.8%
Burleigh	34,885	36,156	35,123	33,846	35,151	33,734	1,039	1,005	1,389	3.0%	2.8%	4.0%
Emmons	2,129	2,265	2,234	2,082	2,215	2,144	47	50	90	2.2%	2.2%	4.0%
Grant	1,826	1,954	1,896	1,782	1,907	1,815	44	47	81	2.4%	2.4%	4.3%
Kidder	1,497	1,547	1,537	1,423	1,457	1,450	74	90	87	4.9%	5.8%	5.7%
McLean	4,517	4,465	4,617	4,340	4,291	4,338	177	174	279	3.9%	3.9%	6.0%
Mercer	5,557	5,734	5,716	5,310	5,497	5,370	247	237	346	4.4%	4.1%	6.1%
Morton	12,752	13,219	12,834	12,277	12,750	12,237	475	469	597	3.7%	3.5%	4.7%
Oliver	1,000	1,053	1,054	958	1,023	998	42	30	56	4.2%	2.8%	5.3%
Sheridan	1,226	1,284	1,201	1,177	1,254	1,154	49	30	47	4.0%	2.3%	3.9%
Sioux	1,115	1,201	1,194	980	854	987	135	347	207	12.1%	28.9%	17.3%
REGION 7	66,504	68,878	67,406	64,175	66,399	64,227	2,329	2,479	3,179	3.5%	3.6%	4.7%
Adams	1,712	1,789	1,719	1,668	1,761	1,674	44	28	45	2.6%	1.6%	2.6%
Billings	851	1,104	896	838	1,091	873	13	13	23	1.5%	1.2%	2.6%
Bowman	2,102	2,254	2,149	2,058	2,233	2,093	44	21	56	2.1%	0.9%	2.6%
Dunn	1,806	1,911	1,757	1,732	1,852	1,653	74	59	104	4.1%	3.1%	5.9%
Gldn Valley	1,082	1,102	1,100	1,054	1,087	1,074	28	15	26	2.6%	1.4%	2.4%
Hettinger	1,768	1,877	1,834	1,715	1,815	1,774	53	62	60	3.0%	3.3%	3.3%
Slope	471	491	465	429	467	437	42	24	28	8.9%	4.9%	6.0%
Stark	10,706	11,446	11,274	10,246	11,110	10,726	460	336	548	4.3%	2.9%	4.9%
REGION 8	20,498	21,974	21,194	19,740	21,416	20,304	758	558	890	3.7%	2.5%	4.2%
STATE TOTALS	325,939	337,932	331,706	314,980	326,929	318,368	10,959	11,003	13,338	3.4%	3.3%	4.0%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

JOB SERVICE OFFICE LOCATIONS

BISMARCK
216 Second Street
Phone: 224-2880

BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
301 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

DICKINSON
66 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

FARGO
1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 237-7113

NDSU-FARGO
Job Information and
Placement Center
211 Ceres Hall
Phone: 237-7111

FORT TOTTEN
Tribal Building
Phone: 766-4221, Ext. 45

FORT YATES
Job Service Building
Phone: 854-7463

GRAFTON
927 12th St. West
Phone: 352-2202

GRAND FORKS
2016 South Washington
Phone: 777-3711

UND-GRAND FORKS
McCannel Hall- Room 141
Phone: 777-3904

HARVEY
119 9th St. West
Phone: 324-4552

HETTINGER
606 2nd Avenue North
Phone: 567-2156

JAMESTOWN
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Phone: 251-2256

MANDAN
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Phone: 663-6461

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